



Practitioner's Docket No. 57471/03-380

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Nally et al.  
Application No.: 10/681,048  
Filed: 10/08/2003  
Confirmation No.: 2716  
For: REINFORCED CUE STICK  
Group No.: 3711  
Examiner: Graham, Mark S.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)**

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:

- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
  - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
  - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted
- iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
  - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
  - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
  - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
  - ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

**ENCLOSURES**

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☐ An information disclosure statement (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
  - ☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☒ An amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).**

4. This application is on behalf of:

☐ Small entity \$ 395.00

☒ Other than a small entity \$790.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$ 790.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)			(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
Claims Remaining After Amendment			Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR	Rate	Addit. Fee
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[    ] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim					+ \$140 =		\$	+ \$280 = \$ .00	
			<b>Total</b>		<u>\$ .00</u>		OR	<b>Total</b>	<u>\$200</u>
			<b>Addit.</b>					<b>Addit. Fee</b>	
			<b>Fee</b>						

(c) ☐ No additional fee is required.

**OR**

(d) ☒ Total additional fee required is \$ 200.00.

### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for <u>(months)</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 60	\$ 120
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$225	\$ 450
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$510	\$ 1,020
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$795	\$1,590

Fee                      \$ .00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request      \$ .00

**OR**

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE(S) DUE**

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) \$ 790.00

Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) \$ 200.00

Extension of time fee (if any) (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) \$ .00

Total Fee(s) Due: \$ 990.00

**PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE**

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

☐ A check is attached for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Charge Account 06-0540 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A duplicate of this Cover Sheet is attached.

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9. Please charge any required additional fee(s) or refund any credits for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

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Respectfully submitted,

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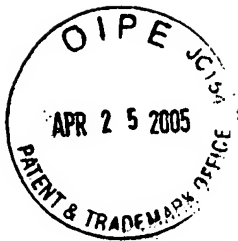
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

*Introductory Comments*

This paper is submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed April 14, 2005.

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*Amy C. Walker*

It is understood this paper is filed within the deadline set for response, however, please consider this paper to constitute a One Month Petition for Extension of Time should such be required. Applicant submits herewith fee payments for: Continued Prosecution (\$790) and (1) additional independent claim in excess of the allowed three (3) (\$200) totaling \$990. Please refer to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Cover for detailed fee information. If any additional extension of time fee, or other fee is required by virtue of the filing of this paper, please consider this a general authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 06-0540 for the same; likewise instructions hold for any refunds or credits.